

FRGC/MGA

Event Results

Our last event was the Match Play Championship Qualifier. The turnout was a very disappointing 31 members, so everyone qualified to advance to The Match Play Championship.

Here are the results:

Upper Bracket

Place	Name	Score
1st	Scott Crane	69
2 nd (t)	Mike Blackmon Chance Fitzgerald Bob Smith	70

Lower Bracket

1 st	James Howard	65
2 nd	Don Ward	68
3 rd	Barney James	69

Closest to Hole

#3	Brent Kashwer	#7	Steve Tulk
#13	Chuck Smith	#15	Scott Crane

Match Play officially started August 18, however a few of the matches elected to play earlier. The final match for determining the Match Play Champion must be played no later than September 19.

Next Event

Our next event is "The International" to be played on Saturday, September 20th. This is an 18 hole, individual stroke play, Stableford Points competition with 100% handicap allowed. Points will be earned or lost as follows: Double Eagle = 5 points; Eagle = 4 points; Birdie = 3 points; Par = 2 points; Bogey = 1 point; Double Bogey = 0 points; Triple Bogey = -1 point; Quadruple Bogey or worse = -2 points.

Please check the poster at the clubhouse or go to www.frgcmga.com for further details. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, September 17.

Don't forget - this is the last event of our 2007-2008 golf year and we will present our Annual Awards Banquet & Membership Meeting immediately after the tournament. Mark your calendar now and plan to play in this final event of the year. You will have the opportunity to be nominated for election to our

Governing Board if you are interested, and to vote on all those who are nominated. Plus, you will enjoy a great Café Savannahs meal. Attendance is included in your annual dues and there is no additional charge. This will be your opportunity to express your opinion of our events and make suggestions to improve our MGA. We need, and want, your participation.

Shanks of the Month

A few days prior to the entry deadline for the Match Play Qualifier I was at the Club to play golf and saw one of our members who had not signed up for the event. I asked him why I didn't have his entry and his response was that "he couldn't compete when he had to give 16 strokes to his opponent". We discussed it a bit more and I proceeded to play my round.

Later that day I decided to do some research into just who our winners of this event have been over the years and came up with the following list.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hcp. Index</u>
1997	Ron Hutton*	4.5
1998	Max Daniel*	6.7
1999	Gary Kuykendall*	5.3
2000	Mike Blackmon	8.1
2001	Jim Fowler	4.9
2002	John Blackmon	9.2
2003	Phil Walton*	9.6
2004	Craig Cosgrove	7.1
2005	Kevin Burdick	5.3
2006	David Nieto	6.0
2007	Craig Cosgrove	4.6

*Educated estimate

Now, would someone please explain again how it is that low handicappers can't compete when they have to give strokes - I keep forgetting! Guys, it is the same now as it always has been. If you stop worrying about how many strokes you have to give your opponent and instead - concentrate on playing the game that got your handicap to a lower level you will win 90% of the time. Try it, you'll like it!

If you think this one is a fluke just take the time to check out the plaque in the showcase for the winners of our 4-Ball event over the years.

In the meantime -

See you on the course at Forest Ridge!